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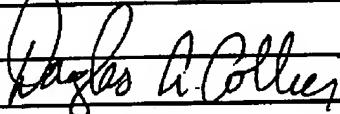
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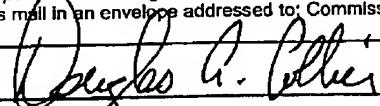
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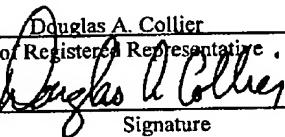
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REMARKS

Claims 1-27 and 29-42 are pending in the present application. Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of initiating an interview on September 22, 2005, to resolve outstanding issues with respect to the present application. In the interview, independent claim 27 was discussed in view of the Office Action response filed on July 21, 2005. In the interview, agreement was reached to amend claim 27 to include the features recited in original claim 28, and cancel original claim 28, as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment.

It is applicant's position that the claims are allowable in their original form. However, the amendments presented herein are provided to clarify the functioning of the lock and advance prosecution of the present application to a Notice of Allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue original claim 27 in a continuing application.

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